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Stars and Manger

A Christmas Meditation

By The Rev. Frederick B. Halsey, Rector of All Hallows Church, Wyncote

The midnight air is sharp out under the stars. The sleeping sheep are huddled close for warmth. Fleece-lined cloaks are drawn around the shoulders of their wearers. A fire's cheery crackle and merry glow are more than welcome. Out on the quiet hills, thought stirs, and moves toward deeper things. "When I consider Thy heavens, even the work of Thy fingers; the moon and the stars which Thou hast ordained" — do the Psalmist's words come to mind, as Orion slowly shifts across the heavens, and the Dipper swings around its nightly circle? Do their thoughts linger, gazing upon that sky studded with stars, on the immensity of nature and the littleness of man? "What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that Thou visitest him?"

And if Psalmist and shepherds so thought of old, what of us? To them the earth was the center of the universe, with sun and moon and stars wheeling around it. How different is the conception which Alfred Noyes voices for our modern "Watchers of the Sky," the astronomers:

"For far beyond, immeasurably far
Beyond our sun, he saw that river of suns
We call the Milky Way, that glittering host
Powdering the night, each grain of solar blaze
Divided from its neighbor by a gulf
Too wide for thought to measure . . ."

What comfort can science give to human hearts before such staggering vastness as this? What is man, that God is mindful of him? And what is God, that He should be mindful of man? Is there, behind this universe, anything but blind, pitiless, impersonal force? Science speaks the comfort that it can, the word of a reign of law:

"Oh, holy night, deep night of stars, whose peace
Descends upon the troubled mind like dew,
Healing it with the sense of that pure reign
Of constant law, enduring through all change."

Yet here is cold comfort at best for human hearts that yearn. We know, now, the terror of that utter destruction which science has released in the march of relentless law. Where shall we turn, that we may find "light in darkness, and in the shadow of death, and guide our feet in the way of peace"?

God's answer is in Bethlehem's manger. Thank God for another "holy night, deep night of stars."

"O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight."

See again by faith, what those shepherds saw: "the Babe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." At Bethlehem's stable is the whole ascending scheme of God. There is the manger itself, made of wood from the forest trees, and the straw that fills it, cut from the fields of grain. They are parts of the same world of nature, to which the stars above the stable roof belong. There, too, are the cattle in the stalls, looking in dumb wonder towards the light. Yet God's plan does not stop with forest trees or golden grain, or with the cattle upon a thousand hills. Gathered around the manger are Mary the Virgin Mother, St. Joseph and the shepherds. And in their midst is the Babe of Bethlehem, the Saviour in swaddling clothes. Not in that vast world without, of hills and fields and circling stars, not in those dumb beasts; but in personal, human forms, is life at the summit of its meaning, God's plan revealed to men. The stars grow dim before the coming of the sun. So the wonder and immensity of the starry heavens pale into insignificance before the wonder of that greater Sun, Jesus Christ, both God and man, the little Child Who is the world's true Light.

Science alone cannot save mankind. The very scientists who produced the atomic bomb are now also "among the prophets," warning of the utter destruction which threatens us, pleading for the speedy setting up of moral controls to save us from our fate. Look once again at Bethlehem's manger. Around it is God's law of love for the world revealed in little. In the love of St. Mary and St. Joseph for each other, and of both for the Child, is the blessing and hallowing of family life. In the shepherds, sharers in the world's work whose hearts have been claimed by Christ, is the spreading of the law of love into industry and

trade. And in the eagerness with which they make known abroad the wondrous things which they have seen and heard, is the promise of the bringing of the Gospel of love to bear upon the affairs of the nations. It seems an all but impossible ideal. Yet in the center is the Christ, Who can, and does, change the minds and hearts of those who turn to Him. Here is our hope. For in Christ Jesus, God and man, "the Day-spring from on high hath visited us; to give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace."

BISHOP TAITT'S SISTER DIES

Mrs. Laura Taitt Aigner, widow of the late Rev. Martin Aigner, former Rector of St. John's Church, Franklin, Pa., and a sister of the late Bishop Taitt, died at her home in Wyncote on November 8th, after a long illness. Private burial services were conducted on November 10th, with interment in Chester Rural Cemetery.

Advent—A Season of Preparation

By The Rev. Alfred M. Smith, Chaplain, City Mission

During this Advent let us think of the four Advent Collects as giving us the keynote for our preparation for the reception of Our Blessed Lord in our Christmas communion; and let us use each Collect in meditation on the four aspects of preparation which they present.

Meditation—Advent I

"Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness."

THE WORKS OF DARKNESS

This recalls to our mind the first renunciation in the Baptismal Office "of the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world with all the covetous desires of the same, and the sinful lusts of the flesh."

We cannot do better than examine ourselves as to how we are fighting against these three great enemies of the soul: the world, the flesh, and the devil, the three great agencies whereby those seven deadly sins of pride, envy, anger (the devil), covetousness (the world), gluttony, lust, and sloth (the flesh), wreak havoc in the soul.

Sometimes our eyes are blinded to these sins in ourselves because they are so common all about us, and we are apt to judge ourselves by comparing ourselves with others rather than holding before our eyes the one and only standard for the Christian, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

When we look at Him, then we see how far short we fall, and how, to some extent at least, these deadly sins have left their marks upon our souls.

Let us resolve during the first week in Advent to look at ourselves honestly and thoroughly, asking God to help us, by the illuminating power of His Holy Spirit to search out every ugly nook and cranny of our life, to bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and truly to repent of them.

Meditation—Advent II

"Blessed Lord Who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them."

SCRIPTURE

This Collect suggests to our minds the fourth promise made in the Baptismal Office, "Dost thou believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith as contained in the Apostles' Creed?"

Here we have in its shortest form the summary of what God has revealed to us in Holy Scripture, of those truths necessary for us to believe if we value our soul's salvation.

The Creed is our chart, and a chart has a purpose as every navigator knows, and no navigation is quite so important as spiritual navigation. If I believe you I will trust my life in your hands. If I believe *in* the Creed I will steer my spiritual journey by every sign-post of that sacred symbol. Every article of both the Apostles and Nicene Creed bears a vital relationship to my spiritual life.

One further word; to enrich our spiritual life and thus deepen our faith we should meditate regularly upon Holy Scripture, especially upon the life of Our Lord. "Read, mark, learn," i. e., use your imagination, your memory to make that Holy Life vivid and living; use your intellect to draw the lesson from your meditation for daily living; and then "inwardly digest," i. e., use your will, resolving to make the lesson you have learned a part of your daily living.

Let us resolve to make the Creed our Spiritual Chart, and to steer our lives by it, and to meditate regularly upon the life of Our Lord.

Meditation—Advent III

"O Lord Jesus Christ, Who at Thy first coming didst send Thy messenger to prepare Thy way before Thee; grant that the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way."

THE CHURCH

This Collect suggests the part the Church has to play in this work of preparation, especially the work of the ministry, the stewards of the mysteries of God. A steward is one who does not handle his own goods but is entrusted with the goods of another.

Bishops, priests, and deacons[9] are all stewards, ministering for God, but let us here confine ourselves to the priest and his congregation.

The priest is to prepare his people:

1. By teaching the Faith of the Church, the Faith which has been handed down through the ages, and in the light of which Holy Scripture is to be read and interpreted. We should always remember that the Church gave us Holy Scripture, and is therefore the true interpreter of those Scriptures.

2. By administering the sacraments, especially the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Our Lord in Holy Communion. He says to us, "Do this in remembrance of me," and the Church in the Acts of the Apostles shows what it means to be loyal to the command, "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in the 'breaking of bread and the prayers'." "And upon the first day of the week when the disciples came together to break bread" (Holy Communion).

3. By ministering the discipline of the Church, especially the observance of the feasts and fasts, as noted in the Prayer Book.

The above reminds us of the final promise made in the Baptismal Office, "Wilt thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments and walk in the same all the days of thy life?"

Let us remind ourselves that this is part of our preparation for His coming.

And let us resolve to abide by the Church's teaching, to be regular in the reception of Holy Communion, and to keep the Church's rule of discipline.

Meditation—Advent IV

"O Lord, raise up, we pray Thee, Thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us."

This is exactly what Our Lord does for us if we are faithful in the ways suggested in the previous meditations.

HE SUCCOURS US:

1. In our fight against the world, the flesh, and the devil, as we live lives of repentance; He breaks the fetters of sin by the grace of absolution.

2. As we chart our lives by the Creed, and as we meditate upon His Holy Word for our spiritual enrichment.

3. As we adhere faithfully to the Church's teaching and discipline and worship, and with careful preparation feed upon His sacred Body and Blood.

Now if we earnestly pray, and follow the suggestions made in these Advent Collects, then we can look forward with confidence to that for which we pray:

1. "That at Thy second coming to judge the world we may rise to the life immortal."

2. "That we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life."

3. "That at Thy second coming we may be found an acceptable people."

4. "That Thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us."

Preparation to meet Our Lord is the same, whether at the altar on Christmas Day or when He comes to judgment. If we faithfully prepare to welcome Him into our souls in Holy Communion (and every communion is a reminder of Christmas, for He comes to dwell anew within us as He came then to dwell among us), then we may eagerly look forward to His welcoming us when He comes to be our Judge.

Let us resolve to make a most careful and thorough preparation to receive Our Lord on Christmas Day.

O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.

FOR ALL MEN AND BOYS

The annual meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is to be held on St. Andrew's Day, November 30th, at the Church of the Epiphany, Sherwood, 57th Street and Baltimore Avenue.

The general theme chosen for the meeting is "Fishers of Men" and the program will be as follows:

5:30 P. M.—Choral Evening Prayer and address by the Rev. William H. Dunphy, S.T.D., Rector of St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia.

6:30 P. M.—Supper.

7:30 P. M.—Business Meeting.

8:00 P. M.—Address by Mr. Donald H. Williams, of St. Thomas', Whitemarsh, Chapter. His subject is to be "Fishers of Men."

8:30 P. M.—Service of Preparation for the Advent Corporate Communion of men and boys, conducted by the Rev. Louis A. Haselmayer, Jr., Ph.D., Vicar of the Chapel of the Nativity, Germantown.

The cost of the supper will be $1.00 for men and 50 cents for boys. Supper reservations cannot be received after November 26th. Reservations for supper should be sent to Mr. J. Howard Pannebecker, 6021 Latona Street, Philadelphia 43.

Bishop Hart's Message

A young doctor, who is just back from long service in the Pacific Theatre of Operation, said: "The Church should give the returning service men and women work in cleaning up slums and other bad social conditions, in overcoming racial prejudice, in working really for a better world. The men will not be satisfied with pre-war ways."

The Church's responsibility is to do everything in its power to spread Christ's influence in the community. We need to reach out and touch the lives of those who are not active members of any church. And we need also to labor and pray for a spiritual awakening among our own members.

Isn't there a little irony in our inviting "non-church members" to our worship services when A HALF of our own membership would fill the churches? It is this very fact that kills our efforts to reach the so-called "outsider."

The percentage of those who take part in public worship every Sunday is not large . . . 12%? 15%? . . . various percentages are given. At best it is a minority. The neglect of worship always brings discord and strife. We must change this tendency in America and the world if we would avoid disaster. Many of our children are not trained in the worship of God. Parents have the responsibility of bringing their children with them to Church and Church School.

What would happen, do you think, if every member on our communicant list were to make a special effort to be present at one service every Sunday? Wouldn't it, at least, command the respect of the scorner and critic if at a Sunday service every communicant, who was in good health and whose circumstances did not absolutely prohibit, was present? Let us therefore labor and pray that God will transform all of our "nominal" members into "real" members.

The Advent Season gives us the opportunity to prepare for the spiritual celebration of Christmas. Let us not think of it in individualistic terms but in terms of the whole parish. Ask God to use you in making your parish a more vital witness to the Christmas fact. And may this Christmas drive all fear from your hearts.

Oliver J. Hart

GREETINGS FROM BISHOP REMINGTON

Our decision to return to the old mother Diocese was a difficult one. After twenty-seven years of service as a Missionary Bishop first in South Dakota and then in Eastern Oregon, I wondered whether we could readjust ourselves and whether you could accommodate yourselves to the ways of a Bishop whose blanket often was the stars and whose horizon was the wide open spaces. Please don't "fence us in," and let us together bear in mind the length and breadth, the depth and height of the task to which we are called. It is so easy to blot out the stars with electric lights, to forget the ends as we work on the details of our program. Let us highly resolve that we will take more time for our prayers, and when we think about cleaning up the shambles of our world, that our best posture will be on our knees.

We have plunged right into a new and difficult task after a rather trying experience in parting with the friends and comrades in Christ of twenty-three years. Our household is not yet in order — we remember Phillips Brooks' prayer, "Pray not for easier tasks, but for power equal to the tasks God lays upon you." We shall do that, but we will make many mistakes, particularly if we are pressed too hard, and can't "take time to be holy."

This is the grandest Diocese in the Church, the mother of our Constitution, prayer book, and missionary enterprise; it gave us William White, second Bishop in the American Church, a whole line of Bishops and priests and sainted men and women. I cannot forget that it was my privilege to follow the trails of William Hobart Hare in South Dakota, and of Benjamin Wistar Morris in the Oregon country. Now I return to you with a good report and the devout prayer that we will not forget that in giving and serving unto the uttermost part of the earth and unto the least of these, His brethren, we are fulfilling Christ's commands and justifying the existence of our Church.

Thanks for all the generous hospitality extended and the warm welcome from Bishop, priests and people. Mrs. Remington joins me in this grateful acknowledgment of many kindnesses. We have a great leader in Bishop Hart. Let us go on together to ever greater service to Christ and His Kingdom.

WILLIAM P. REMINGTON,
Suffragan Bishop.

BISHOP REMINGTON INSTITUTED

On the morning of All Saints Day, the Rt. Rev. William Proctor Remington, former Missionary Bishop of Eastern Oregon, was instituted as Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, in the Cathedral Church of Christ, at Roxborough.

Following a procession of the Cathedral Chapter, the institution service was conducted by Bishop Hart. The Rev. Charles H. Long served as the Bishop's Chaplain and read the testimonial of election. The Very Rev. James M. Niblo, Canon Residentiary, preached the sermon.

On the evening of the same day Bishop Remington preached the sermon at the service for the fall ingathering of the Woman's United Thank Offering in St. Mark's Church, 16th and Locust Streets.

On Wednesday evening, November 7th, the Church Club of the Diocese tendered a dinner in honor of Bishop Remington in the ball room of the Hotel Barclay, when addresses were made by the Rt. Rev. Alfred Edward Rawlinson, Lord Bishop of Derby, England, and by Bishop Remington.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

The Reconstruction and Advance Fund needs the full support of every communicant of every church. To meet the goal of $500,000 it will require at least five thirds of your "Proportionate Share." All parish offerings are to be sent to the Executive Office, first floor, Church House.

The Department of Finance has assigned to each parish and mission a proportionate share for meeting the 1946 Missionary budget. If a church does not accept its share it puts the burden upon another church or else the budget is not met. The return card, addressed to the Bishop, to be signed by the Rector and Accounting Warden or Treasurer signifying the parish acceptance of its "share," is not a personal obligation of the "Accounting Warden." Naturally the person through whom missionary funds pass would want the parish to do its best in spreading the Kingdom of God and when the Warden signs he expresses the mind of the parish.

The clergy of the Diocese are asked to make a presentation of the Call to the ministry on Sunday, December 16th.

THE CHURCH NEWS belongs to the whole Diocese and it can serve the people in the purpose for which it was created when suggestions are sent to the Editor or Business Manager. Here is one comment:

"You will be happy to know how well read THE CHURCH NEWS seems to be. In the last issue there was a paragraph about my need of a typewriter, and within fifteen minutes a layman called me up and offered me the use of one. That is quick work."

CHARLES H. LONG.

HONORS CONFERRED

The degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology was conferred upon the Rev. E. Felix Kloman, Rector of Christ Church, by the University of Pennsylvania on October 30th. Temple University recently conferred a D.D. upon Dr. Kloman.

The Rev. W. P. S. Lander, Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont, has had conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity by Nashotah.

A distinguished service certificate was presented to the Rev. Edmund B. Wood, Rector of St. Timothy's Church, Roxborough, by the Cahill-Cholerton Post of the American Legion. Such a citation is presented annually to a non-member of the Post in recognition of outstanding work among the veterans. The recipient has been of enormous help in obtaining assistance for veterans.

The Philadelphia Divinity School held a special Convocation in St. Andrew's Collegiate Chapel on Thursday, November 8th, for the purpose of conferring the degree of Sacred Theology upon the Rt. Rev. Alfred Edward John Rawlinson, M.A., D.D., Bishop of Derby.

25th Anniversary Marked by Seamen's Institute

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY—SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE

Bishop Remington (taking Bishop Hart's place at the ceremony) looks at the anniversary leaflet in the hands of Montgomery Harris, Chairman of the Anniversary Committee. W. W. Frazier, III, President, receives congratulations from Rev. Harold H. Kelley, D.D., Director of the Seamen's Church Institute of New York.

Twenty-five years of service in the Port of Philadelphia for the welfare of merchant seamen, and twenty-five years of association with the Welfare Federation (now the Community Fund of the United War Chest), was observed by the Seamen's Church Institute of Philadelphia, Wednesday, October 31, 1945. There was a memorial service in the Chapel of the Redeemer at 211 Walnut Street at 12 o'clock noon, followed by the anniversary luncheon in the auditorium adjoining at 1 o'clock. Distinguished guests brought greetings and war heroes of the Merchant Marine brief messages. Officers of the Institute reported the progress made over the years.

The Seamen's Church Institute began its work on November 1, 1920, when its quarters at 2nd and Walnut Streets were opened for lodging. Since then over one million and three-quarter lodgings have been registered by the Institute in the Old St. Alban's Hotel at 2nd and Walnut Streets, which it took over and occupied for 13 years, and in its new building which was erected in 1924 and opened in June, 1925, at 2nd and Walnut Streets. The old hotel was used for an annex until it was torn down in 1933.

The Institute was developed along interdenominational lines by the union of older seamen's agencies which had operated along the waterfront under different religious auspices. The Pennsylvania Seamen's Friend Society, organized in 1845 and supported mainly by the Methodist Church, became a constituent member of the Seamen's Church Institute; together with the Churchmen's Missionary Association (Episcopal), which operated a Floating Chapel in 1849 and was functioning at Front and Queen Streets in 1920. This organization provided a considerable endowment for the new enterprise. The Institute also took over the work of a Baptist Mission for Seamen, which had operated on Front Street below Christian for a number of years.

Outstanding citizens sponsored the work of the Institute, including the Rt. Rev. Philip M. Rhinelander, Bishop Joseph F. Berry, Rev. E. A. E. Palmquist, Alexander Van Rensselaer, W. W. Frazier, Col. John S. Muckle, Stanley G. Flagg, Jr., William P. Barba, Alba B. Johnson, Sydney P. Clark, and many others. The officers of the Philadelphia Section of the Navy League in 1919 voted to sponsor a committee to open a cafeteria for seamen under the auspices of the Seamen's Church Institute and many of their officers later joined the Board of Managers of the Institute, which was incorporated by Charter of Common Pleas Court, March 5, 1920.

During the years the Rev. Percy R. Stockman has been Superintendent and Chaplain, having resigned the rectorship or Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church to take the position with the Institute. He recalls many interesting characters; among them, before the days of submarine attack, an old-timer who sailed on an oil tanker out of Philadelphia and on one occasion when three others from the Institute, each of whom had a cast in his eye, shipped on the same vessel. Three cross-eyed men on one ship was a bad omen, according to sailor lore, and it proved to be so in his case for off Cape Hatteras his ship caught fire and blew up and for two days and three nights he floated helplessly tied to a cask that had been blown overboard near him. On the morning of the third day he fainted but a Coast Guard Cuttter, seeking survivors, picked him up and he recovered in a hospital at Norfolk.

Another old-timer, who became an inmate of the M. Clark Mariners' Home, a division of the Seamen's Church Institute for the care of Aged and Disabled Mariners, told of an experience he had when the ship he was sailing on was wrecked and a breeches buoy set up, and on one trip from the ship to the shore a

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CHRISTMAS AND ATOMS

The dilemma of the ages is again thrown into sharp contrast by the swift surge of world events. This was clearly demonstrated by two speakers at the recent meeting of the Church Congress. Both were dealing with aspects of the great question of how the Church's beliefs and precepts can be made effective in the modern world. The one speaker saw hope in the infinitely slow and unspectacular process of individual witnessing to the reality of moral law and the rule of spirit over matter. The other speaker saw no hope at all except in flight from everything mundane and a disavowal of the material side of life in its entirety.

This problem and search is perhaps as old as man. Certainly it reaches back far before the dawn of Christian thinking. Is man surrounded by an almost impenetrable barrier of evil in the form of material things and powers that keeps him from fulfilling his real nature and purpose? The dawn of the atomic age in no way changes the question, it merely dramatizes it and all the more imperiously demands an answer.

Christmas is the answer! The God who made all the world of force and matter in the first place had surveyed it with loving eye and omniscient scrutiny and saw that it was good. Then, eons later, it became necessary to rescue mankind from the depths to which his own disobedience had plunged him. The all-knowing and all-loving God entered into human flesh miraculously "made of a woman" to redeem enslaved humanity.

What contrast stands before the petty mind of man as the holy season of the Nativity comes upon us again! God looked upon his world of struggling, hoping, dying creatures and said, "It is enough." And He came himself into the struggle, a helpless human atom to grow and witness and plead by life, and death, and by disciples for a better way. By contrast, we lay beside this the events of recent months. The men of our nation looked out upon a world of struggling, hating, dying men and said, "It is enough." We dropped a bomb and wiped out a city. The struggle kept on; we dropped another bomb, wiped out another city, and the struggle ended. Or did it but pause to gather up more horrible weapons? And man must search his soul again and again to answer the great question, "Can matter and power be made subject to the spirit?"

God in human flesh says with His life, "Yes." So deeply convinced have the world's philosophies been at times that flesh and all it represents is evil that they have denied the Christian belief that Jesus was a real man, or others, that He was really God. But to the Christian believer only one answer is consistent with the presence of God on the human scene. That which He made, He made good. That which he touched, He hallowed and proved capable of good for all eternity barring its own wilful perversion.

But the story of God's redemptive touch does not end with the restoration of silence to the hills of Galilee. Before He left the human scene, He touched other bits of His creation that they might be the visible sign and means of His continuing presence. He laid His hands upon certain men that they might be His voice and His hands to bless and strengthen others according to their need and desire. He took bread and wine and blessed them that they might be His Body and Blood to feed the souls of them who seek. He blessed men, and He blessed the things man has at hand with which to build his world; "What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common."

There seems to lie in all this a fundamental principle: the world of matter and power will take its nature, good or ill, from the spiritual power brought to bear upon it.

The man who can answer the evil of the world only by flight from it commits the sin of distrusting God's power to convert the hearts of men. If the love of God seizes the heart of a man, whatever power he controls will become a power not for evil but for good. If the love of God can be placed in the hearts of a nation, whatever power that nation controls will become power not for evil but for good whether it be the power over atomic energy, or industrial organization, or the power to organize and govern human beings.

But man is notorious for his ability to think and devise destructively and his almost total impotence to picture or build gloriously. As Frans Werfel points out, "Dante's Hell is much more realistic than his Paradise." If there were some hope of an atomic bomb or a mystery drug being devised which would suddenly turn vast segments of the human race into creatures of good will, fewer of us would give way to despair. But the only way pointed out to us for the world's redemption is the agonizingly slow and unspectacular program beginning with an infant's wails amid humble peasantry.

Such is the prospect stretching away for centuries before us as we come once more to think of the mystery of God's love revealed in Bethlehem. The mighty forces of evil shall ever have at their command the power to startle the imagination and terrify the souls of mortal man. The power of good will ever move with the intolerable slowness of living, growing things. As the vast power of a growing forest has less appeal to the plodding human mind than the terrifying explosion of dynamite, so the growth of creation toward the fulfilling of the Divine Will will have less appeal to human imagination than the horrors and seeming profits of self-will.

But the man who has caught a glimpse in his soul of the unfolding love of God; the man who has felt his life-powers bloom in the glorious atmosphere of true holiness can never turn away to the crudity and bestiality of unsanctified physical force. It therefore becomes the inescapable mission of every person who has really felt the blessing of God's redemptive power in his life to mirror that saving light and life to others. There can be no other answer to the agony of humanity in fear of crude force than the transforming of individual hearts. It is long, slow, and at times seemingly without any real hope or power. But it is the redeeming way of God. We can do no better than He.

A. O. J.

Woman's Auxiliary

Mrs. Oliver J. Hart, *Editor*

President's Message

My Christmas wish is that we may express our thankfulness to God for the precious gift to us of His Beloved Son and the ending of the war, by showing greater love, greater tolerance and greater fellowship with all men everywhere.

News of the progress of the Reconstruction and Advance Fund becomes more and more exciting as we work towards our goal. Miss Ruth Custis Kitchen, Chairman of our Speakers' Bureau, is ready to speak at Auxiliary meetings on this topic.

Margaret Packard.

Christmas Opportunities

Christmas comes earlier than it used to, or at least so it seems. This year the first call came in July when we were asked to send Christmas packages to men, women and children in the liberated countries. Later there was an appeal for the children of Chinese congregations in the Philippines. Many of the little cartons have been filled and shipped overseas, and it was astonishing to find how many articles could be packed in the small space allowed. I think everyone felt a keen joy in sending to those who have had no Christmas for so many years.

Now the opportunity comes to provide for the institutions and missions in our own Diocese. Last year fifty-eight parishes gave more than 4,500 gifts and $235.00 to fifteen institutions and ten missions. Let us set an even higher goal this year.

You may choose your beneficiary from a wide field. There are old men and women in hospitals and homes for the aged; children in foster homes; service men and women in a strange city; seamen in port and at sea; children who throng the Settlements with their varied activities; and, perhaps, the least cared for of all, the thousands in mental darkness in state and county hospitals. Missions also need help, among which there are Italian, Polish and Negro children. A small gift, carefully chosen for their needs, means much to each of the recipients.

Let the Christmas Box Secretary know to whom you wish to send your gifts and you will be notified what is needed, and when and where it is to be sent.

Material Aid to Churches Overseas

Word has come from the Department of Social Relations of the National Council that the Episcopal Church, through the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, is joining with a majority of the churches represented in the World Council of Churches in a co-operative venture, designed to facilitate the shipment of goods to our sister churches in the liberated countries abroad. The immediate program is aimed to assist the churches of Europe and Asia in restoring their full program of service to their local communities.

The program of the American churches is one of securing gifts in kind to meet specific needs and requests of churches overseas. This is not a general relief program, in competition with the major task of UNRRA or other governmental agencies. Rather, it will provide important supplies which would not otherwise be sent, and enable the overseas churches to give that kind of assistance in their own communities which churches have traditionally given.

This is an opportunity for sacrificial sharing with our desperately needy Christian brothers overseas, through the agency of our Church and theirs. The needs have never been more appallingly urgent; the churches of America cannot fail in meeting this immediate cry for help before it is too late.

For further information inquire at the Church House.

The Cost of Peace

Message from National Executive Board

"Hostilities have ceased, but peace is still only a hope. This Board feels compelled to speak to all women of the Church at this moment in history. The releasing of the atomic force of the universe, coming as the climax of an era of destruction, has opened a new age which holds the seeds of unimaginable horror or of the transcendent beauty of a new day.

"Let us appraise the past and plan for the future. We, as individuals, must face realistically and penitently, the elements of cruelty, greed, intolerance, and above all, indifference, which multiplied by millions, have produced internal and international strife. Since repentance is sterile without purpose of amendment, let us now, before it is too late, face with boldness of faith the tremendous problems of the day.

"How dear is peace? In the war effort we poured out unstintingly our greatest resources of time, money, scientific research, and patriotic fervor, as well as precious lives. What will we pay for peace?

"Even as America must assume a place of leadership among the nations of the world so must Christians accept responsibility to proclaim the redeeming power of Christ and show forth in every area of our lives obedience to His teaching. Though a minority group in this country (less than 50% nominal Christians) we are confident that the church has power, through the Holy Spirit, for the healing of the nations and the building of the brotherhood of man.

"Counting the cost: We must dedicate ourselves, our understanding and our wills. We must take time for daily prayer and Bible reading and for regular corporate worship. We must cultivate Christian attitudes in family life, business, interracial and intercultural relationships. We must take intelligent and courageous action in: reconstruction and advance in the mission field, church unity, prevention of inflation, world relief and rehabilitation, strengthening of the United Nations organization. What will you do?"

Mission Shop

The Mission Shop will have a new supply of articles for Christmas gifts, both useful and decorative. Do come and see us!

Church League of Intercessors

It was with feeling of real sorrow and keen regret that we heard of the death of Mrs. Albert Hill this summer. Our President for several years, she was a wise and understanding leader. The League has sent a note of sympathy to her son, who is serving in the Pacific with the Navy.

It was a shock to the many friends of Mrs. Charles Hunsicker to learn of her death in September after a very brief illness. Her faithful devotion to the Church, as expressed particularly as Chairman of our Woman's Auxiliary Devotional Committee and as President of the Mission Study Alumnae Association, will continue to be an inspiration to all of us.

ONE SOLDIER AND HIS CHURCH

A boy who went into the war from one of our parishes was shot down in a bomber over Japan and fell into the sea, where he floated on a raft for several days. He was reported "missing in action," but he was picked up by a Japanese fishing vessel and imprisoned by the enemy for about a week preceding V-J Day. The first that his family knew he was still living came when he telephoned from San Francisco that he was on his way home. Later he sent word that he was on his way to Philadelphia, and arrived at the station at 10 A. M. on the first Sunday in October. He and his family drove directly to their parish church to attend the service of Holy Communion. Since then, his Rector heard from a Chaplain at Guam that this particular parishioner had received communion when he stopped there on his way home. That is how we all hope our men have turned to the Church as a matter of course. Sometimes the home-coming may mean just a family party; but in this instance it was family worship in the home parish, before any other form of rejoicing was considered.

Chaplain John Quincy Martin, U. S. N., former Rector of Calvary Church, West Philadelphia, is on terminal leave from the Navy, and is doing temporary supply work.

"The Friday Night Group" of St. Luke's Church, Kensington, meets regularly under the leadership of Mrs. G. C. Montgomery for the purpose of making articles for the parish bazaar.

Christmas Greetings

TO THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

As one who spent almost a year in the Army of Occupation, 1918 - 1919, I know from experience some of the difficulties in serving in the Armed Forces after the fighting has ceased. I shall never forget that 1918 Christmas in Germany! Throughout this Christmas season your friends in the Diocese will be thinking of you and remembering you in their prayers.

This is a testing time for you as it is for all of us. My daily prayer is that you may never have cause to be ashamed of us or we of you. No other foundation can be laid for world community and human welfare than that which has been laid by Jesus Christ. There never has been a day so emphatically our Lord's day as NOW. No enduring national or international order can be built on greed. It will be built on Christian foundations or it will not be worth the building.

Your home parish eagerly awaits your return. Together we have a great opportunity to march forward with Jesus, Who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. May He keep you in health, integrity and increasing honor.

Faithfully your Bishop,

OLIVER J. HART.

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The War Commission has wound up its business and formally dissolved. However, Miss Emma E. Brehm, who has done such a marvelous piece of volunteer work, will continue in charge of the office and be ready to mail war crosses to men now entering the service, and to be of any other assistance.

ST. STEPHEN'S SERVICE CLUB

The war is *not* over for the thousands of boys in the hospitals or for the men and women who, far away from home, will be in Philadelphia at Christmas time.

We hope, at St. Stephen's Service Club, to give our guests the delicious dinners, presents and all the fun, which together make a Christmas "at home." I say "hope" advisedly, for we need your help. The funds appropriated for our use by the War Commission are used for our maintenance alone. When we wish to do something very special we appeal to our friends throughout the Diocese. They have *never* failed us!

The nostalgic letters we receive from Okinawa and Tokio — the boys who dash into the Club saying, "I was so afraid this place would be shut. This is the first spot I made for when I hit shore!" — indicate that there is a continuing need for us to fill.

Won't you help us to make this, the last Christmas in which St. Stephen's Service Club will be in existence, the very best Christmas ever?

Please draw checks to the order of Martha U. W. Davis, Treasurer, and mail to St. Stephen's Service Club, 923 Ludlow Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

MRS. P. BLAIR LEE,
Chairman, Board of Managers.

The work for returning service men has been turned over to a committee of the Department of Christian Social Relations, of which the Rev. Edmund B. Wood is Chairman. Information can be obtained from the office in Room No. 37, Church House.

The St. Stephen's Club will continue under its own board, of which Mrs. P. Blair Lee is Chairman and Mrs. James T. Davis is Vice-Chairman. It is meeting a larger need today than ever and will continue to operate at least for the rest of the year. Later the Board will determine how long the Club will operate in 1946.

The Bishop's Christmas message to service men and women will be available for all who wish to use it in sending Christmas greetings to Churchmen still in the armed forces.

Department of Christian Education

Advent Offering

Post-war planning for "advance" work in our Diocese has long been uppermost in the mind of Bishop Hart. For the past two years the boys and girls of the Diocese, through their Advent Offering, have shared with him in looking toward the future. We are now in the post-war period — the period in which we can start to make our "forward-looking" plans materialize. Bishop Hart has designated our new mission in Oreland, St. Philip's-in-the-Field, as the recipient of this year's Advent Offering — and Dean Niblo of the Norristown Convocation gives us the following account of this new work:

"The small town of Oreland in Springfield Township of Montgomery County existed for a long time with very little growth of population or houses. Its situation is midway between the Bethlehem and Limekiln Pikes, just a mile off Church Road, and equal distance from St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarch, and St. Peter's Church, Weldon (Glenside). About eight years ago a building boom hit the surrounding territory of Oreland and small groups of new houses rose up in such new localities as Oreland Gardens, Enfield, Sunnybrook and others. Soon the growth of these small places brought them into a fairly compact community around Oreland and it is in the center of this thriving and fast-growing situation that the new mission has been started.

"Several years ago the Convocation of Norristown became aware of the need of a church hereabouts. A committee of three clergymen was appointed, consisting of the Rev. Nathanael B. Groton, chairman, the Rev. George Copeland and the Rev. Frederick B. Halsey, rectors of the three adjoining parishes. They reported back favorably to Convocation and recommended that work in a new mission be started. Mr. Copeland allowed the Lay-Reader of his parish, Mr. W. S. Harvey, to make a complete survey of this new section. He called at four hundred and fifty houses, finding in nearly a hundred of them members of the Episcopal Church or families who would desire a mission to be started that the children might have religious instruction.

"Services on a week night were started in a room of the Fire House in Oreland last Lent. At Easter a Celebration of Holy Communion was held. Since then Sunday services have been regularly maintained with a monthly Service of the Eucharist. It needs little imagination to show the inadequacy and sometimes impropriety of holding divine worship under existing circumstances. Yet the people have come and developed themselves into a strong and enthusiastic group. During all these years there has been but one small church in Oreland, a Lutheran congregation, totally inadequate to care for even a small portion of the new families constantly arriving thereabouts.

"Last summer, a new development was begun just across Oreland Mill Road. Here the Diocese has purchased a site that will be in the very center of this fast-growing community. It stands at the corner of Oreland Mill Road and Lorraine Avenue, 378 feet front, with a depth of 135 feet, sufficiently large to build a church, parish house and rectory, with considerable space for parking purposes. The plan as at present proposed calls for the erection of a large portion of the parish house, wherein the hall will be divided into two portions, one for church services and the other for Church School and general meetings. This portion will be of two stories, so that there may be constructed a six-room apartment for a resident clergyman. These rooms will eventually be used as class rooms of the Church School when the rectory is built.

"Surely a community of 600 houses, fast growing in all directions, with only one small church ministering in its midst, a place teeming with children, offers a challenge to the Episcopal Church that dare not be ignored. Once more our church has been the first to go into a new community. The site is by far the most advantageous, so much so that several offers have come from other religious groups, wanting to enter this field, to purchase it from us. Plans have been drawn for the erection of this first unit, with a completed plan for the other buildings to guide the congregation in the future. The Diocese is pursuing a new plan, here and in other Convocations, to secure sites for the new mission, to erect a building sufficiently large to carry on the work of the mission, to provide a clergyman for a five-year period, and then to leave the rest to a growing congregation."

Additions to the Film Slide Library

"The Christmas Story" in 2 x 2 Kodochrome slides. The 28 slides that make up this set are in life-like natural color and are accompanied by a service manual. Rental, $1.00.

"The Prodigal Son," 11 slides, and "The Good Samaritan," 7 slides, are also in color and the 2 x 2 size, as is the set depicting the Boy Jesus in the Temple with 7 slides. Rental of each of these three sets is $.50.

Short Reviews

Through the Church Year. $.25. National Council.

This attractive book contains a series of instructions planned particularly for use in small Church Schools and homes. It takes up the Church Calendar, the Prayer Book, the Creed and The Church. Each instruction includes information and "Things for Boys and Girls to Do—On Sunday and During the Week."

News from North of the Nile, by Paul Harris, Jr. $1.50. Association Press.

This little book is a novel invitation to do more Bible reading. It presents the Bible as though it were current news. Very stimulating. For young people and adults.

Religion Today in the U. S. S. R., by the Rev. William Howard Melish. $.15.

A very helpful pamphlet on this little known and much discussed subject by one of our clergy, the Associate Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn.

FORWARD IN SERVICE

The 1945-1946 "Plan of Action" of the Forward in Service Commission lays emphasis on "Christian Fellowship" and stresses the necessity for a more active participation on the part of the laity in the evangelistic work of the Church.

The Department of Evangelism of the Philadelphia Federation of Churches has called a meeting of all non-Roman clergy to be held in the Arch Street Methodist Episcopal Church on Monday morning, December 3rd, at 10 o'clock. Luncheon will be served and the sessions will close in the early afternoon. At this meeting plans will be presented for a city-wide evangelistic effort during 1946 with each denomination adopting the program as fitted for its own use.

The clergy of our own Church are invited to attend to take part in the discussion.

Fall Convocation Meetings

The Convocation of North Philadelphia met at the Church of the Resurrection, Broad and Tioga Streets, Tuesday, October 9th, when the Rev. John S. Gillespie, Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, was elected Secretary to fill the unexpired term of the Rev. John P. McGarvey, who has moved from the Convocation. A nominating committee was appointed by Dean Shryock, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Pierce, Harris, and Trauger, and Mr. John D. Schmidt, to report at the January meeting. The assignment of "proportionate shares" for the parishes and missions was presented. It was decided to increase the dues of parishes to $2.00, and Missions to $1.00 per year, beginning in 1946. The matter of procuring a rectory for St. George's, Richmond, was referred to the property committee. Congratulations were extended to the Rev. Franklin Joiner, D.D., on the 25th anniversary of his rectorship at St. Clement's Church. The Rev. Robert Smith, of St. Ambrose Church, and the Rev. James Mills, of Zion Church, were introduced.

At the meeting of the Women's Aid, Mrs. U. Grant Beath discussed the changing of the name of the Women's Aid, and Miss Eleanor Deane described the work of the Polish Mission of the Holy Redeemer. Two hundred and twenty-five dollars was appropriated for the Reconstruction and Advance Fund, $30.00 for the work of the Elizabeth Price Martin League for Service at the Episcopal Hospital and the Philadelphia General Hospital, $25.00 for the Christian Settlement House, and $50.00 for Holy Redeemer Mission.

The men and women gathered together in the church for worship, and an address by Bishop Hart, in which he urged a more sincere and deeper level of prayer to overcome the sense of futility, fear and irritation which is abroad. He urged the practice of "communion with God" to start the day, whether it be at the altar, in a celebration of the Holy Communion, or a fifteen-minute period of private devotion. Such a practice would lead to wiser decisions and better work throughout the day. He said that the Church is a channel through which God seeks to reach the world; but if the Church is not loyal to her calling, the grace of God is not limited to the Church. The Christian program can be realized only by corporate action, and the Christian life can only be realized in the corporate life. Our first duty is to create a society in which the spirit of God will be so keenly felt in the life of the parish that any one coming in contact with it will immediately sense it, and be helped to follow our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. The real quality of the life of the parish will be revealed by what we do in our worship and in all of our organizations. We should prepare to meet the returning service men and women, not by reading books on "How to Talk to the Returning Soldier," but by receiving them into an atmosphere that will furnish something to stimulate them: to build up what they have gained along spiritual lines, and to enable them to find what they have lost.

The women of the parish served a delicious supper, which was followed by the National Council's moving picture, "Thy Will Be Done," exhibited by the Rev. B. J. Rudderow, of Holy Trinity Memorial Chapel.

The Very Rev. Charles W. Shreiner, Dean of the Convocation of Chester, spoke on the Reconstruction and Advance Fund, stating that most every parish and mission is doing its utmost to raise its share of this fund. The response to the effort of the Special Gifts solicitation has been most encouraging, and the money thus contributed will be credited to the parishes and missions. Pennsylvania, under the alert leadership of Bishop Hart and the 120 laymen engaged in the campaign, has been able to set the pace for the whole Church, and many other Dioceses which were lagging in their efforts have been stimulated to larger and more prompt accomplishment. Dean Shreiner, who has led in many money-raising projects, said: "This is the greatest opportunity and challenge for the Church that I have ever known. The whole civilized world is looking at America, the wealthiest and most untouched in its resources of all the nations. What kind of testimony are we, as Christians, going to give to our religious faith? By fully completing this task, we shall be helping to make Christ known in every corner of the world."

The Church of St. Barnabas, 122 West Rittenhouse Street, was host to the Convocation of Germantown on Tuesday, October 16th, with an opening service of Evening Prayer in the church, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. Sydnor Thomas. After the service, separate business meetings were held by the men and women.

Dean Caley introduced the new clergymen who have recently come into the Convocation, and the Rev. Henry E. Kauffman presented the report of the Committee on Church Extension, which dealt principally with the matter of a rectory for Ascension, Rhawnhurst, and a parish house for Grace Church, Hulmeville. It was decided to omit the meeting usually held in January.

The Woman's Auxiliary to the Convocation decided to hold four meetings: January and March, when they will meet separately; May and October, in conjunction with Convocation. Miss Cheston, the President, has served as a member of the Convocation Committee on Church Extension. During the last nine years the women have helped the various missions to the extent of $7,475.00, besides giving $200 or $300 each year toward the automobile expenses of the Dean. Mrs. Jacob Disston, of the Supply Department, presented the work of the Diocesan Auxiliary.

The Rector welcomed the delegates to a delicious supper, prepared and served by the people of the parish, and presented to Bishop Hart a check for $1,000, raised by the parish for the reduction of the mortgage on the parish house. The Convocation gave a like sum, and another thousand dollars for the purpose was given from the mortgage reduction fund of the Diocese, thus reducing the balance of this particular mortgage to $3,000.

The Rev. Walworth Tyng, of China, gave a forceful answer to the question: "What Can the Missionary Take to China?" The work of the missionaries in China is the Christian enterprise for fostering the improvement of human life. The life expectancy for all of the people of China averages less than 40 years. Illiteracy, child marriages, female slavery, show the lack of value for personality. The Christian religion presents to China "God, the great

person, revealed in Jesus Christ, the great personality." When flood, famine, fire, or other disaster visits a community in China, the pagan business men willingly contribute their money to the Christian Committee for Relief, because they can trust none but the Christians for an honest and impartial administration of such funds. After the destruction of the city of Chang Sha, only one church continues to function—Trinity Church, where the services are regularly maintained by a native layman who received his religious training by regular attendance at family prayers in the home of the missionary whose cook he had been. All the Christian workers in this and many other communities in China have been compelled to flee with their people. The Reconstruction Fund should not receive a few small sacrifices out of incomes of great wealth, but should represent substantial thank offerings for our homes, our employment, our churches, and our schools, which have been spared.

Mr. Joshua A. Pearson, Germantown Chairman of the Special Gifts Committee of the Reconstruction and Advance Fund, reported that so far the sum of $50,000 had been given or pledged by persons in the Convocation of Germantown. Dean Shreiner, speaking for the Field Department, urged the necessity of increasing this sum to $150,000 as Germantown's share. He also emphasized the urgency of the parish offering for this fund to be given in January. He said: "Let us witness to our Christian religion by making this an indication of our thankfulness to God that the war is over. If we have lost loved ones in the war, let us make our offerings adequate to be memorials to them."

Bishop Hart, who on this day marked the third anniversary of his consecration as Bishop, said that in many instances the contributions to the Reconstruction and Advance Fund represented only token offerings, and not at all the love and devotion of the people for their Church when they know its needs and the urgency of its task. Now the Church must meet this challenge adequately, and the time is desperately short for the Church to come through in all earnestness. So far the clergy, out of their limited means, have made the larger gifts. He stated that the area covered by the Diocese is crowded with men and women who are isolated, and yearning for fellowship, if each member would really try to woo them into the active life of the Church. He stated that we must follow some system of constructive planning, or within twenty-five years we shall have a Diocese full of wrecks. The Bishop spoke of his desire to add several laymen to his "Board of Strategy," which now consists of the Deans, the Secretary of the Diocese, and the Chairman of the Department of Missions. We should strive to have plans of the Diocese, and not just the plans of the Bishop who happens at the moment to be in office. We must work, worship, and pray together; and if we can get as many as 85% to agree, we can go forward. "I am hopeful of the work which lies before us; but it will demand hard thinking, reckless daring, and it will test the stamina of us all."

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In the Diocese

HENRY STUART PAYNTER, *Editor*

A Parish Council has been organized at Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg, consisting of two representatives of each of the ten parish organizations. Its purpose is to co-ordinate and promote parish activities. It will, through its representative members, also keep the individual organizations informed as to contemplated programs. The following have been elected officers: President, Mr. Richard McLaughlin; Vice-President, Mr. Edward Custis; Secretary, Mrs. Raymond Millington; Treasurer, Mrs. Dean Ennis.

Emmanuel Parish House, Holmesburg, is used for the annual ingathering of the Needlework Guild for the community.

The Young People's Fellowship holds a Corporate Communion in Emmanuel Church on the third Sunday of each month at 7:45, followed by breakfast in the parish house.

Mrs. Rebecca Mary Ware, who had been a Sunday School teacher at St. Matthew's Church for sixty-one years, died on October 17th, at the age of 85 years, and was buried from her parish church.

At the Church of the Resurrection, Broad and Tioga Streets, on the last Sunday of each month, following the morning service, "A Friendly Hour" is conducted in the parish house, affording an opportunity for fellowship. Different societies in the parish act as hosts in rotation.

"The Red Feather Information Service," issued by the Council of Social Agencies, 311 S. Juniper Street, tells you where to turn for the appropriate agency to help solve the various social and health situations which arise in a parish. It contains a complete list of public and private organizations in the various fields.

The Art Alliance, 251 South 18th Street, has had an exhibition of ecclesiastical works of art, loaned for the purpose by expert jewelry makers from various parts of the United States. The exhibits included four communion chalices of rock crystal and topaz in silvergilt, chalice and paten in silver and green gold, mahogany altar cross of transparent enamel on silver, mahogany wall cross of transparent enamel on gold, brass box with five enamel plaques, triptych of English boxwood and transparent enamel on gold, cross of transparent enamel on silver, altar cross of American walnut and transparent enamel on silver, and Pax, Mater Dei, of transparent enamel on gold.

The Rev. James M. Niblo, Rector of St. John's Church, Norristown, for twenty years, began his active life in the parish forty-eight years ago. Before his ordination he was choir boy, acolyte, Sunday School teacher, and lay reader in his home parish. Ordained in 1913, he exercised his ministry in other fields until 1925, when he came back to Norristown as Rector of St. John's.

Donation Day and open house was held on November 7th at The House of Rest for the Aged, 5919 Wayne Avenue. It is the residence of a family of thirty women over 65 years of age, all communicants of the Church in this Diocese. There are more women waiting to join the family of house guests than are now in residence.

The Young People's Fellowship of All Saints' Church, Crescentville, recently made a pilgrimage to St. Mark's Church, Frankford, to meet with the young people there.

One parish publishes in its weekly bulletin the identifying numbers of collection envelopes which are behind in their contributions for Church support.

PENSION BENEFITS

Some members of the Church do not fully realize the protection that the Church Pension Fund gives to the families of clergymen over a long period of years. In November, a pension was granted to a clergyman's widow aged 34, with two children, one aged 4 and the other aged 2. This widow will get a pension as long as she lives and is unmarried and the two children will receive a pension until they are 21 years of age.

The will of the late Joseph W. Gross, recently probated at Norristown, leaves $5,000 to be set up in trust for St. David's Church, Radnor, the income of which is to be used for the care of a cemetery lot and for general Church purposes.

Our Diocesan Department of Social Relations now has an office on the third floor of the Church House. Miss Thelma Austin is the volunteer office secretary, on duty from Monday through Friday from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

The members of the May Fete Committee of the Elizabeth Price Martin League for Service of the Episcopal Hospital held an Open House Tea at the Hospital on November 14th.

The Day School conducted at St. Timothy's Church, Roxborough, which started four years ago with an enrollment of 25 children, has grown to its present attendance of sixty-two.

On a recent day the Church School by Mail enrolled 19 new children in four families in a rural area of the Diocese.

The Department of Christian Education of this Diocese has printed a 24-page study of parish and semi-community types of weekday Church Schools on released time from the public school, with special reference to the study conducted at St. Stephen's Church, Clifton Heights, from 1942 to 1945. Copies are available at Room 30, Church House.

The cost of conducting the weekday Church School at Clifton Heights averaged $8.00 per pupil per year, or 25 cents per pupil per session.

Mr. Robert D. Jordan, Director of the Promotion Department of the National Council, came from New York to speak at St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh, on the Reconstruction and Advance Fund.

The annual Philadelphia Church Congress met at Christ Church to discuss the theme, "The Church and the World." The speakers included

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Episcopal Academy Begins 162nd Year

Episcopal Academy began its 162nd year and 25th year at its present location in Overbrook with an Opening Service in the School Chapel, conducted by the Rev. Elbert K. St. Claire, School Chaplain, assisted by the Rev. Richard T. Lyford, Rector of St. Asaph's, Cynwyd, and Dr. Greville Haslam, Headmaster, who spoke briefly.

The school this year numbers 538 students. This represents an increase of 16 over last year. Changes in the faculty are the Rev. Elbert K. St. Claire as Chaplain succeeding the Rev. Arthur Lyon-Vaiden, who resigned last June to become Headmaster of the Iolani School in Honolulu. Mr. St. Claire comes to the Academy from Christ Church, Fitchburg, Mass. He is a graduate of Princeton University and the Episcopal Theological School of Cambridge, Mass. Mr. John L. McIntire has joined the faculty of the Middle School and is assisting in the French Department. Mr. McIntire graduated from Dickinson College, Phi Beta Kappa. He has previously taught at George School, and is the author of a number of articles on pedagogy and the psychology of handling the problems of youth. Rejoining the faculty, after having served in the Navy, are Lieutenants Shippen Willing and Robert G. Bispham. Mr. Willing taught at Episcopal in 1941, and Mr. Bispham was a member of the faculty from 1937 to 1942. Lieutenant Joseph Brown, who has been a member of the 17th Airborne Division, has also joined the Middle School faculty. Prior to his active duty, he was an instructor at Kiskiminetas and the Avon School. Returning to the faculty of the Lower School is Miss Martha Allen, who taught in this department from 1940 to 1942 and since leaving Episcopal has been in the Haverford Township Public School system. Miss Jean Randolph has also joined the Lower School to assist in the kindergarten grades.

The current school year marks the 25th year in which Dr. Haslam has served as Headmaster. Mr. Haslam was awarded the honorary degree of L.H.D. by Trinity College, Hartford, at their commencement on June 20th. Mr. Haslam is Secretary of the Headmasters' Association, and is on the Board of Trustees of the Agnes Irwin School, the Perkiomen School, and St. Mary's Hall of Burlington, N. J.

With the close of the war, Episcopal Academy looks forward to resuming its peace-time schedule. Under the latest Selective Service regulations, the present seniors will be able to complete their year. The responsibility of training Christian gentlemen is as great, if not more so, than ever.

MEMORIAL TO MRS. SINKLER

A bronze statue of St. Christopher was dedicated October 28th in St. Peter's Church, Glenside, by the Rector, the Rev. George Copeland. It was given by Judge Charles Sinkler in memory of his mother and was formerly in St. James' Church, Philadelphia. On November 11th, in the same church, a brass processional cross in memory of George B. Darby, III, was presented by his mother. Lieut. Darby, who formerly taught in the Sunday School and sang in the choir, was killed in action on the Italian front last year.

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MAIN LINE CHURCH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

A meeting was held at Trinity Church, Coatesville, on October 29th, for the reorganization of the Main Line Church School Association, which had not met since 1942, due to war-time restrictions on travel. The Rev. Frederick E. Seymour presided and conducted an election, which resulted as follows: President, the Rev. John C. Kewstub; Vice-President, the Rev. Peter C. Van der Hiel, Jr.; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. David E. Seaboldt. Supper was served by the women of the parish, and a service was held in the church in the evening, when the Rev. Charles E. Tuke, of Lansdowne, spoke on "Christian Education," followed by the Rev. Peter Van der Hiel, of Downingtown, on "Visual Education" when slides on New Testament teaching were demonstrated.

DIVINITY SCHOOL FACULTY

The following appointments to the faculty of the Philadelphia Divinity School have been made for the term of one year: Theology, the Rev. Percy L. Urban; English Bible, the Rev. John M. Groton; Greek New Testament, the Rev. Vincent F. Pottle; Liturgics, the Rev. Nelson W. Rightmyer; Church History and Polity, Clinical Pastoral Training, the Rev. James M. Collins, the Rev. Robert D. Morris, the Rev. Maurice Riseling, the Rev. John M. Groton, the Rev. Vincent F. Pottle; Homiletics, the Rev. E. Frank Salmon; Canon Law, the Rev. J. Clemens Kolb; Religious Education, Miss Marjorie D. Gammon; Mission, Miss Bessie Sims; Music and Voice, Mr. Newell Robinson.

CHOIR MEMORIALS

The choir of St. John's Church, Lower Merion, has been greatly enriched by the new furnishings recently dedicated. The gate for the altar rail, dedicated by Bishop Roberts on Palm Sunday, was given in loving memory of Edward Bramwell, the first choir boy in the parish, having served from 1901 to 1904 when he was accidentally killed at the age of twelve years. The gate is of wrought iron, with eagle as a symbol of St. John, Evangelist.

On September 30th, the Parish Family Day, the Rector dedicated six new choir stalls, three clergy seats, two prayer desks, and a music cabinet. These furnishings were in memory of all who have served in the choir throughout the years of its existence. They were the gift of Dr. Herbert J. Tily, who has been choirmaster and organist for forty years. The inscription reads: "To the Glory of God, and in loving memory of the Choir Invisible; Those immortal dead who live again in minds made better by their presence."

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Special emphasis is laid upon the Society's program for the younger child and the 'teen-age girl, but also in this Diocese, with its rich G. F. S. tradition, proof is never lacking that the older members play a useful and generous part in the life of the Church. As an example of this, the Diocesan Branch has just sent to the Children's Ward of St. Luke's Hospital, Manila, P. I., three large boxes of dolls and hand-made toy animals, valued at $75.00. WAC Myrtle Gage, a member of this Branch, returned from long service in New Guinea and the Philippines, just in time to tell a vivid story of these children who will really have Christmas this year.

The importance of program for junior and younger members is always borne in mind by the National G. F. S., and members of that staff have recently issued a new pamphlet, "Let's Be Creative," which in its opening paragraph states its purpose in very definite words: "This is not meant to be just another pamphlet about *making things*. Rather, it is intended to serve, in the hands of capable leaders, as a tool in the fine art of *developing people*." Another publication, which is issued as a quarterly, supplements the larger work, and is known as "At Your Service." In the current issue is a Service of Worship—"The End of Battle - The Beginning of Opportunity" — which might well be used by children of an older growth.

These and several other recent publications issued by the Society may be seen and ordered through the G. F. S. Office, Room 42, in the Church House.

The long continued support given by the G. F. S. in the United States to the Church's work in the Philippines is well known. In this Diocese, the usual offerings for the support of All Saints' School in Bantoc were continued throughout the war years, and immediately upon the news of Deaconess Shaw's liberation, the sum of $750 was sent to the Church Missions House as a thank offering for her preservation and safe return.

Now, at the head of the calendar for 1946 is the offering to be made by all Branches and groups of membership to the Reconstruction and Advance Fund. Suitably decorated envelopes have been distributed in

which Branch and individual gifts, made possible by work and personal sacrifice, will be presented at a special event on January 30, 1946. The program will be preceded by a supper planned with a Filipino menu. All Branch offerings will be credited to their own parish effort.

Just a few statistics will give, perhaps, a sufficient picture of a long and happy summer at Holiday House, Cape May, N. J. The House opened May 21st and closed September 26th. Between those dates, more than 800 persons were entertained within its walls; 14,076 meals were served, at a cost of about $3,200. The guest list included many outside the Society — a two-day meeting of the Diocesan Presidents of the five organized groups working with women and girls; the Diocesan Y. P. F.; members of the American Friends Service Committee Peace Group, and representatives of an American Legion women's auxiliary. Thirteen dioceses were represented on the summer register and members from thirty-three of the local Branches spent their vacation at this favorite gathering place.

GENERAL CONVENTION PLANS TAKING SHAPE

A preliminary meeting of the General Convention Committee has been held to discuss tentative details. Bishop Hart met with the Chairman of the General Convention Committee, Thomas S. Gates, Chairman of Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania; William H. DuBarry, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Vice-President of the University of Pennsylvania; Mrs. Francis R. Packard, President of the Pennsylvania Woman's Auxiliary, and the Rev. Charles H. Long, Secretary of the Diocese.

It was arranged that the opening meeting of the General Convention is to be held in the Convention Hall Tuesday, September 10th, after which the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies will be organized in the Irvine Auditorium, and the House of Bishops in Houston Hall. The Woman's Auxiliary Triennial will meet in the University Museum auditorium.

On Thursday evening, September 12th, a missionary mass meeting will be held in Convention Hall when the amount of the United Thank Offering will be announced, the Laymen's Offering will be presented, and reports will be made on the Reconstruction and Advance Fund.

One of the first deputies to be elected to the General Convention was the Very Rev. Edwin S. Lane, Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Phoenix, Arizona. He was born in Philadelphia, ordained in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, was assistant at St. Luke's Church, Germantown (1914-1916), and Rector of St. John's Church, Northern Liberties (1916-1919).

The dates for the National Convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew have been changed to September 6-9. Mr. Samuel S. Schmidt, Vice-President of the Brotherhood, has been named Chairman of the convention. Mr. Schmidt is a former Director of St. John's Chapter, York, Pa. He is active in affairs of the Diocese of Harrisburg and is President of the Harrisburg Assembly of the Brotherhood.

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Negro Churchmen

The Rt. Rev. Bravid W. Harris recently flew from Florida to Liberia in West Africa. He was elected as Bishop of Liberia on February 1, 1945, and was consecrated in Christ Church, Norfolk, Va., on April 17th. Formerly in charge of the Church's work among Negro people as a member of the staff of the National Council, he has spent much of his time since his consecration as Bishop in visiting many dioceses, including Pennsylvania.

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The Rev. Tollie L. Caution, formerly of this Diocese and now the successor of Bishop Harris under the National Council, has recently stated that the Negro population is thirteen million, one-tenth of the people of the United States. Fewer than half of this number profess any religious affiliation of any kind. "Hundreds of thousands are influenced and guided by leaders with little education but with persuasive power to win adherents for any scheme which promises release from hardship and discipline. Contrast with this the wise and steady character training of the Church's schools and you can see the urgent importance of strengthening their whole program."

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The Diocese of Alabama owns ground opposite the main entrance of the campus of Tuskegee Institute. A committee is at work to secure a suitable chapel to be erected on this site, and a Negro architect is now preparing plans for the building to be erected as soon as possible.

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School girls at Julia Emery Hall, a Church institution at Bromley, Liberia, heard how students of the Hankow Diocesan School had traveled a thousand miles into Free China and moved their school four times, seeking safety. So they arranged a program of music and recitations, invited everybody, took up a collection, and sent it to China, "to be used for the children who have had to move so often and suffer so much, in order to do what is easy for us in this country."

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The Rt. Rev. Edward Thomas Demby, retired Suffragan Bishop of Arkansas and the Southwest Province, recently commemorated his 27th anniversary as a Bishop. Last May, Bishop Demby, at the request of the Bishop of Ohio, confirmed a class of forty-five white candidates at the Church of the Ascension, Lakewood, Ohio. He is the first colored Bishop to hold jurisdiction in the United States. While he is now technically retired, he is still very active.

The Rev. John R. Logan, Sr., Rector of St. Simon the Cyrenian, has been named as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Interdenominational Congress of Christian Youth, an organization of Negro Christian young people who will concern themselves with problems facing their group in various sections of the country. The new unit was created by a conference of church young people, which recently met in Philadelphia, with 200 delegates from churches in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware.

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The walls and tower of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester, have been repointed. The tower work involved considerable reconstruction.

An old building, formerly used as a combined church and parish house, located on the property of St. Bartholomew's Church, 25th Street and Lehigh Avenue, and of late years leased for commercial purposes, has been demolished. On the site there is being erected a modern store building to be used as a "super market." The building is being built by the company leasing the store for ten years on a monthly rental. At the expiration of the ten-year lease, the new structure will be delivered to St. Bartholomew's in good order and repair.

The 120th Anniversary Fund of St. Matthew's Church, 18th and Girard Avenue, now amounts to almost $1,800. The original goal was $1,200. The money is being used for painting and renovating the property.

The tower of St. Elizabeth's Church is being repointed because the brick construction was found to be in an unsafe condition.

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MEMORIAL FOR MISS LEACH

Miss May Atherton Leach's death on October 6th was noted briefly in our last issue. She will be remembered in the Diocese chiefly for her long association with the Girls' Friendly Society, the Women's Auxiliary which she served in several executive capacities, and for her work as Vice-President of the Seamen's Church Institute. At the 25th anniversary service at the Institute on October 31st a tablet in memory of Miss Leach was unveiled and dedicated in the chapel.

SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE IN THE DIOCESE

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woman passenger gave birth to a baby. It was ever in his mind to write up the incident as a story and seek to win a prize in some magazine competition but he never got around to it.

During the depression years, upon entering the chapel at the Institute, on one occasion Chaplain Stockman discovered a strange object resting before the altar and on closer examination found it to be a bag of sugar. It turned out later that a well-meaning seaman who had received benefit from the Institute, in some manner acquired a 100-lb. bag of sugar at the sugar wharf, borrowed a stevedore's truck, brought it up to the Institute and made the gift in his own way as a thank offering.

Many of the old-timers, and youngsters of today who have gone through the recent training schools of the War Shipping Administration, have interesting tales to tell of their war-time experiences. The mother of a Marine Engineer who had been assisted at the Institute called recently to offer some books on Marine Engineering in appreciation of the kindness shown to him. She had given six sons to the service of her country and so far he was the only one lost due to enemy action.

At the present time the Institute operates a branch at Port Richmond, which it took over from an older organization, in addition to its headquarters at 211 Walnut Street. There are sleeping accommodations for 206 at the headquarters building and for 22 others at Port Richmond. During the past year the single rooms have been occupied over 90% by seamen representing all ages from 16 to 80, all nationalities and all ratings. Many men who were youngsters when the Institute started and who made their home there whenever in Philadelphia have permanently settled at the Institute, finding work on harbor boats and river craft. One man reported recently, who had been a lodger at the Institute in the first year of its activity, and since then has made more than

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Mrs. S. Griswold Flagg, Chairman of the auxiliaries, representing 12 units in Philadelphia and vicinity and eight throughout the state, reported on their activities. Most of the auxiliaries have been co-operating with the Institute during the entire period of its 25 years.

Service figures representing the major activities of the Institute during the past 25 years, up to September 30, 1945, include the following:

Lodgings	$1,783,136
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Personal service to needy seamen	80,899
Pieces of baggage checked	169,255
Attendance at entertainments	309,560
Attendance at chapel services	235,680
Magazines placed on ships	1,507,640
Christmas Ditty Bags and woolen gifts distributed	over 50,000

ALL HALLOWS' TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM HERBERT RORER

The Rector and Vestry of All Hallows Church, Wyncote, Pa., desire to place on record their deep sense of loss in the death, on August 25, 1945, of William Herbert Rorer. Mr. Rorer was a member of All Hallows from 1900 to 1903, and from 1909 to 1945. He was elected to the Vestry in April, 1914, and served continuously in that capacity until his death. In December, 1938, he was appointed Rector's Warden, which position he also held until his death. Over a number of years Mr. Rorer represented All Hallows as a Deputy to the Diocesan Convention. Deeply interested in the welfare of his parish, generous in his giving, and consistently faithful in his church attendance, Mr. Rorer will be greatly missed. We desire to extend our deepest sympathy to the members of his family. May God grant unto him rest eternal, and may light perpetual shine upon him.

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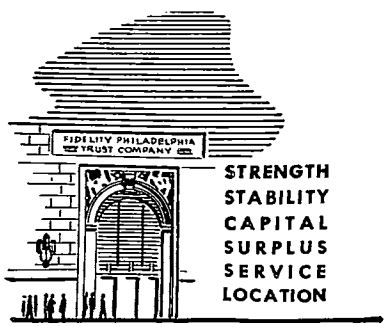

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Bishop Ludlow, of Newark; the Rev. Greig Tabor, Rector of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, New York; Dr. Marshall B. Stewart, of the General Theological Seminary; the Rev. R. S. Meadowcroft, of All Angels Church, New York.

In a recent visit to Philadelphia, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt called at the Christian Settlement House, 539 North 12th Street, maintained for homeless aged men and operated by the Misses Elinor and Evelyn Lutes. The Chaplain is the Rev. Delbur W. Clark.

The fourth anniversary of the consecration of Bishop Hart was observed with a quiet celebration of the Holy Communion in the Chapel at the Church House, on October 16th. The Bishop was the celebrant. Members of the Church House staff were in attendance.

The Rev. John Vander Horst is the new Rector of the Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Germantown. He was formerly Rector of St. Paul's Church, Macon, Ga. A parish dinner and reception for Mr. and Mrs. Vander Horst was tendered by the parish on November 13th, when Bishop and Mrs. Hart were present.

Two hundred dollars is being expended for repairs to the house occupied by the Rev. William LaRue Witmer, Vicar of Emmanuel Mission, Quakertown.

A composition floor has been laid in the center aisle of St. Stephen's Church, Bridesburg; the church has been covered with asbestos shingles, to harmonize with the stone parish house; a concrete sidewalk has been laid, the woodwork has been repainted.

St. Gabriel's Church, Roosevelt Boulevard and Front Street, after many years as a Diocesan Mission, recorded its charter as an independent Parish on October 8th, and the Rev. William T. Metz, former Priest in Charge, was elected as the first Rector.

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